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SUBJECT: DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP - LEG 42A)

OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

REF: A. STATE 77024; B. ANKARA 2105

1. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT ACUTE SENSITIVITY HERE OVER  
AEGEAN SITUATION GENERALLY, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT  
ADVISABLE TO INFORM GOG THRU MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
(WITH DEFATT SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMING HELLENIC NAVY  
DIRECTLY) OF FULL SCOPE "GLOMAR CHALLENGER"  
OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRANEAN AND THAT SHIP WILL PROCEED  
TO BLACK SEA AT CONCLUSION OF LEG 41A. ALTHOUGH DR CLOSS  
PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GREEK MIN OF INDUSTRY  
OFFICIALS AND INVITED THEM TO SEND OBSERVER FOR AEGEAN  
PORTION OF DRILLING (PARA 6 OF REFTEL A), IT POSSIBLE THAT  
NO OTHER ELEMENT GOG INFORMED. WE ASSUME SCRIPPS  
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INSTITUTE WOULD STILL WELCOME PARTICIPATION GREEK OBSERVER

SHOULD GOG NOW DECIDE TO ACCEPT EARLIER INVITATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WILL INDICATE THAT TURKISH SCIENTIST WILL PARTICIPATE IN BLACK SEA PORTION OF PROJECT ONLY.

2. FACT THAT DRILLING VESSEL IS IDENTIFIED AS GLOMAR CHALLENGER COULD POSSIBLY STIMULATE PRESS SPECULATION HERE IN VIEW INVOLVEMENT "GLOMAR EXPLORER" IN RECENTLY PUBLICIZED CIA PROJECT TO RECOVER SUNKEN SOVIET SUBMARINE. ANY SUCH SPECULATION LIKELY TO BE ADVERSE AND COULD BE HEIGHTENED HERE BECAUSE SHIP WILL BE ENGAGED IN "DRILLING" PROJECT (DESPITE FACT DRILLING UNRELATED TO SEARCH FOR HYDROCARBONS). IN VIEW OF THIS, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN GLOMAR CHALLENGER AND GLOMAR EXPLORER.

3. REQUEST DEPT FORWARD TWO SETS PHOTOGRAPHS "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" TO AID HELLENIC NAVY IN IDENTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VESSEL. SUCH FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OUR PART SHOULD AID IN ALLEVIATING ANY SUSPICIONS CREATED BY POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY LOCAL PRESS.

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